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SUBJECT: ANGOLA

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1. DURING CALL ON MFA DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN DEPT FUAD AL-BIDEIWI JANUARY 20 TO DISCUSS ANGOLA AND PROVIDE TEXT OF SECRETARY'S NEWS CONFERENCE (REFTEL), BIDEIWI MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS OF INTEREST.

2. ALTHOUGH EGYPT SUCCEEDING IN PREVENTING DEFECTIONS AT ADDIS SUMMIT CONFERENCE FROM AMONG 22 STATES THAT REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE MPLA, HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE THAT SOME OF THESE STATES AND ALMOST ALL OF PRO-MPLA STATES ATTACH TO SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION. EVEN FOR MANY MODERATES, THIS IS OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION AND THE SOONER IT ENDS THE BETTER.

3. PROVIDED THERE IS NO LARGE SWING TO MPLA, HE DID NOT EXPECT MPLA TO OBTAIN OAU MEMBERSHIP PRIOR TO NEXT JUNE'S SUMMIT SINCE NOW THAT SUMMIT HAS CONSIDERED MATTER, TWO-THIRDS RULE APPLIES RATHER THAN MAJORITY RULE FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS.

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4. EFFORT IS UNDERWAY TO BRING ABOUT UNITY BETWEEN MPLS AND UNITA, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW IF IT HAVING ANY SUCCESS.

5. BIDEIWI WAS CONCEREND ABOUT REPORTED MPLA MILITARY SUCCESSES IN NORTH AND ASKED IF WE HAD RECENT MILITARY STIREP. HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON FUND FOR ANGOLA.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPT PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH LATEST SITREP ON ANGOLA TO PASS TO GOE. BELIEVE GOE MIGHT ALSO BE RECEPTIVE TO ANY IDEAS DEPT HAS ON WHAT COURSE OF ACTION GOE MIGHT PURSUE TO END ANGOLAN FIGHTING AND ELIMINATE FOREIGN INTERVENTION. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT CESSATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION WOULD BOLSTER GOE POSITION WITH OTHER AFRICANS.
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